

ANNUAL HOSPITAL OPD COINSURANCE PAYMENTS FOR BENEFICIARIES WHO RECEIVED HOSPITAL OPD SERVICES, 1995

Deciles (percent)	Annual beneficiary coinsurance
Top 10	\$802
Top 20	505
Top 30	335
Top 40	227
Median	154
Bottom 40	103
Bottom 30	67
Bottom 10	20

MEDIAN BENEFICIARY COINSURANCE PAYMENTS FOR CATARACT SURGERY FOR HOSPITALS IN THE SAME MSA, 1995

Provider	Percent of total volume	Median charges	Median coinsurance payment
Hospital A	39	\$2,751	\$550
Hospital B	52	1,218	244
Others (2)	10		
Total	100	2,002	400

HONORING EUGENE AND DORIS HERDMAN ON THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to extend best wishes to Eugene and Doris Herdman on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, February 9, 1997.

Eugene and Doris Herdman have shared a partnership of love and commitment which has been an inspiration to all who have known them. Enriched by all of life's experiences, their union has endured and grown stronger over time.

Marriage is the principal foundation on which civilization has been built. The loyalty and love that Eugene and Doris Herdman have demonstrated through the past 50 years strengthens the institution of marriage and increases our faith in the idea of trust between human beings.

As Eugene and Doris Herdman celebrate this special occasion, I wish them, their two children, Nancy and Jim, and their two grandchildren, Jon and Alison, many years of happiness and fulfillment.

TRIBUTE TO ELDER WILLIAM ALONZO GIVENS

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Elder William Alonzo Givens, who passed away on Christmas Day, December 25, 1996.

Elder Givens was born in Austin, TX, on April 20, 1916, to Arthur Givens and Lizzy Burton. He received his ministry license at the age of 17. In 1929, the Givens family relocated to Midland, TX, where they continued to serve God faithfully, ministering to the needs of many others in the community.

On August 3, 1939, Elder Givens married the former Louise Estelle Thomas. Their blessed union produced seven children, two of whom preceded Elder Givens in death. In December 1942 Elder Givens moved his family to Los Angeles, CA. In 1943, he embarked on a career as a longshoreman, a career that would span nearly 30 years.

In 1976, Elder Givens was assigned by Bishop S. M. Crouch to serve as assistant pastor to the late Walter Sanders at All Nation Church of God in Christ, located in San Pedro, CA.

During his lifetime, Elder Givens traveled throughout California pastoring to the needs of the sick and the shut-in. He not only preached the Gospel, he worked to counsel troubled youths, and those who were in need of spiritual nourishment and fellowship. At his home-going celebration, person after person rose to speak of their love and selfless devotion for this gentle, kind, and always God-fearing man, who loved unconditionally and cherished his family and his God.

Those who knew best of his love for humankind—his family—spoke lovingly of a man who was not only a husband and a father, but of a man who was their friend, counselor, spiritual guide, provider, and protector.

Mr. Speaker, Elder Givens was a man of tremendous character and integrity. His success was measured not in material terms, but in the honorable manner in which he lived his life. His devotion to God was unwavering, and his commitment to the sacrament of marriage and the responsibilities of parenthood, stand as the true measure of this humble servant of our God.

I, therefore, ask you to join me in celebrating the extraordinary contributions of this extraordinary man. In honoring his memory, we extend our condolences to his beloved wife, Louise; his children: Nettie, Linda, Gwendolyn, Jerry, and Robert; and his 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, and numerous friends who mourn his loss.

SALUTE TO COYA KNUTSON

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Coya Knutson, the only Minnesota woman ever elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, who died in October at the age of 84.

Congresswoman Coya Knutson received considerable attention in 1958 when her husband ignited a nationwide debate over the role of women in politics by sending his now-famous "Coya, Come Home" letters to Minnesota newspapers. The letters—which unfairly implied that her public career in Washington was forcing her to neglect her private duties as a wife and mother in Minnesota—were probably responsible for her close electoral defeat in 1958 after two terms.

Before the letters made national news, Knutson seemed a shoo-in for a third term. Her opponent that year—who ran on the slogan "A Big Man for a Man-Sized Job"—helped put her husband up to the letters. It also didn't help that she broke with leaders of the State Democratic Party—including Hubert

Humphrey—by supporting Estes Kefauver over Adlai Stevenson in the 1956 Minnesota Presidential primary. Many of her Democratic friends did not forgive her for that break, and may even have supported the "Coya Come Home" campaign.

But the story of Coya Knutson is far deeper than the "Coya Come Home" letters that gained her national notoriety and ended her congressional career.

In an era when many women in Congress were widows serving out their late husbands' terms, Coya Knutson represented much more. Former Vice President, and Minnesota Senator, Walter Mondale likened her to Hubert Humphrey. "She was full of life," he said. "She was electric and people liked her. She was kind of like Humphrey. She could go into a room and get the dead to wake up."

When she arrived in Washington, Knutson's first choice for a committee assignment was the Agriculture Committee, where she could champion the cause of the family farmers who populated her district. But the committee's chairman "had no interest in women serving with him." Most women of the time would have backed off. Knutson, however, went to Speaker Sam Rayburn and convinced him that she should be on Agriculture. So it was there she served, and it was there that her grasp of issues—and her hard work—eventually earned her the respect of the chairman.

Many of Coya Knutson's legislative priorities still have resonance today. The Washington Post cataloged her congressional work in a story published a short time after her death.

In her four years in Washington, Coya Knutson pushed for the first Federal appropriations for cystic fibrosis research. She introduced the first bill to include an income tax checkoff for Presidential campaign financing. She created the legislation that would eventually establish a Federal student loan program. She supported the equal rights amendment when labor and many liberals still opposed it on the grounds that it could bring an end to legislation enacted to protect women in the workplace.

Unlike most of the women serving at the time, she felt no need to make the big men like her. It was that trait, combined with a real dedication to the job, that tells the real story of Coya Knutson.

During her 4 years in Washington, she did much to pave the way for women who would later serve in Congress. She overcame obstacles and pushed down barriers that women today no longer encounter. She served with grace and accepted defeats without bitterness. Coya Knutson showed the Nation that a woman's place is not only in the home, but also in the House. For that, Mr. Speaker, the Nation owes Minnesota Congresswoman Coya Knutson a tremendous debt of gratitude.

RELEASE MONEY TO SAVE WOMEN'S LIVES

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, a very important vote on family planning will occur by the end of February.

The fiscal year 1997 Foreign Operations appropriations bill directs the President to submit